

STATE OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MEMORANDUM

January 24, 1980

To: Karim Rimawi - Director, Bureau of Radiological Health

From: W.J. O'Brien - Buffalo Area Office *Q'*

Subject: More radioactive slag - Waste pile at Pine & 56th Street, Niagara Falls

On January 23, 1980, I conferred with J. Kehoe (Director), B. Ignatz (x-ray inspector), J. Mallinchock and M. Vaughan (sanitarians) at their Niagara County Health Department offices regarding radioactive slag located at CECOS International Co., Pine & 56th Street, Niagara Falls. Mike Handcheck (716/278-1811) is our contact for the firm.

The attached sketch shows the general layout. CECOS is an off-shoot of NEWCO Co. The area is a huge mound of slag, probably from Union Carbide. CECOS is recycling the slag to get lime which is trucked off-site. M. Vaughan found the radioactive pieces on the surface.

The E-120 measured ~0.8mR/hr at contact. The piece is being sent to you.

\*\* Please send  $\mu$ R/hr meter at once. \*\*

We should:

1. analyze slag for U/th;
2. determine who will handle this - DEC, Labor, us;
3. consider stop order on off-site trucking pending further measurements and lab results - if we have jurisdiction;
4. to paraphrase another: this whole slag situation is a vast problem with far-reaching consequences and a half-vast coordination effort. Where is the coordinator?

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Att.

cc: Dr. Campbell, Regional Health Director  
Lou Violanti, Regional Director of Public Health Engineering

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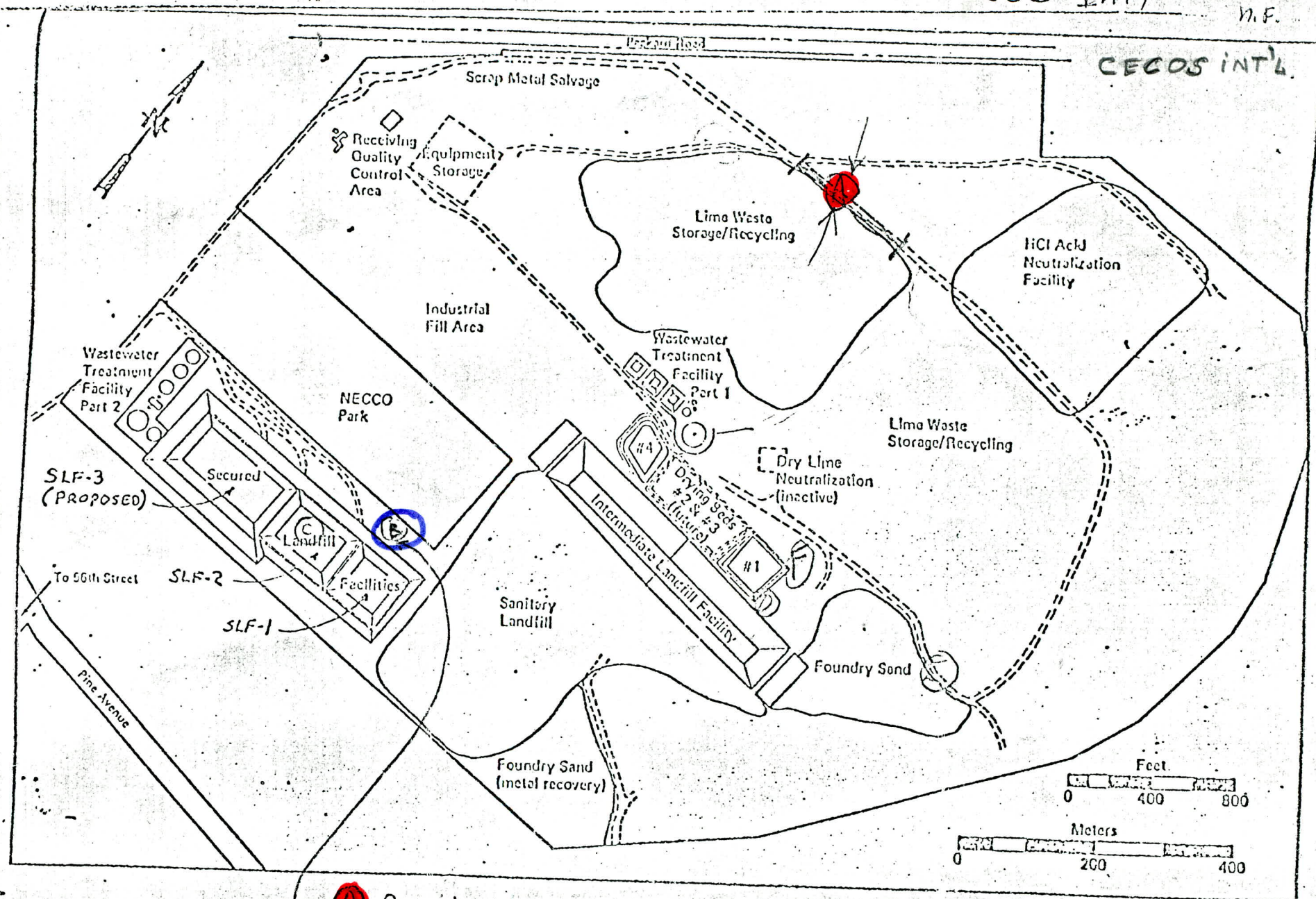
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Pine/56th  
N.E.

- A Sample taken 200-400... ur - walking 1 - slight increase on BK  
 B Burial site BK  
 C SLF-2 - BK  
 D Approx 20 rocks in 1000 - reading 20, 60, 80, 120 ur  
 E BK  
 F BK

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